

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #14

August 12, 2014

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor, Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Aaron N. Mason, and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: Trustee Ryan Philbeck

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, David Payne

Administrators Absent: Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Selma Rankins would like Monroe Public Schools to be a diverse school system and wants the district to hire more black teachers.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- July 22, 2014 Board of Education Work Session
- July 22, 2014 Board of Education Meeting #13
- August 5, 2014 Special Work Session

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Reports and Update

The June 16 and July 21, 2014 Board Curriculum Committee Minutes and the Informational Report – Contracted Coaches were received.

Consent Agenda – Teacher Appointments

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason that Agenda Items C.4 – C.8 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.4 Move to approve the appointment of Lisa Baranowski as an Alternative High School Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective August 26, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.5 Move to approve the appointment of Pietrina Beckner as a Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective August 26, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.6 Move to approve the appointment of Mary Ciotta as a Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective August 26, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- C.7 Move to approve the appointment of Andrew Marchese as a Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective August 26, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.8 Move to approve the appointment of Megan Proudlock as a Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective August 26, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Temporary School Staff Inc. Recommendation

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to approve a recommendation to contract with Temporary School Staff, Inc., upon completion of criminal history verifications, for the following positions:

- 4 Additional Dean of Student Positions
- 9 Student Service Providers
- 8 School Climate Liaisons
- 2 Secondary Academic Planners
- 1 Academic Data Specialist
- 1 Orchard Center Alternative Education Technician
- 2 Learning Commons Technology Liaisons

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Coaching Recommendation

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to approve Tara Dessauer as the Head Coach for 8th Grade Volleyball for the 2014/15 school year, as per the MCEA master agreement.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Hilary Toro, effective August 5; J. Penny Havekost and Keith Forrester, effective August 8; Sherry Brauer, effective August 31, and Gerald Hicks, effective November 1, 2014.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

MHS Learning Commons Furniture Purchase

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the purchase of furniture for the Monroe High School Learning Commons at a cost not to exceed \$13,042.57. This purchase will be funded by the Technology Millage.

Discussion: Mr. Mason is concerned with using funds from the Technology Millage for this purchase. Mr. Payne explained that we can add power to the center of the tables so students can charge their mobile devices and laptops, and the tables can be taken apart and reconfigured easily depending on the need. The ISD sets the guidelines for spending the technology millage funds and they have never had an issue with using these funds for this type of purchase. Mr. Mason supports the purchase, but would rather it come from the general fund. Dr. Martin said that anything that allows student's better access to technology would be supported by the millage. Mr. Payne mentioned the high school is encouraging students to BYOD (bring your own device) to school, and Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor expressed concern about our responsibility if a device was lost or stolen and would like to review our policy. We need to communicate guidelines to parents and the school's responsibility in that situation. This will be reviewed at an upcoming Policy Committee meeting.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-1 roll call vote. Mr. Mason voted no.

Cyberschool Purchase

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to approve the purchase of Cyberschools to replace our existing district hosted solution with School World at a cost not to exceed \$5,611.50 for the first year and \$3,110.25 annually thereafter. This purchase will be funded by the Technology Millage.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Stefanie McLeod and Kim Vandavelde effective August 13, 2014.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Ratification of the Monroe-Mason Alternative Education Association Master Agreement

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Mason to ratify the Master Agreement for August 12, 2014 to August 15, 2016 between the Monroe-Mason Alternative Education Association and the Monroe Board of Education acting as the fiscal agent for the Monroe County Adult Education Consortium, effective August 12, 2014.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Superintendent Comments

- The Summer Learning Academy finished up last week. Running a K-12 program in one location seemed to work very well, as did the inquiry-based approach to instruction. It should be noted that we had three high school students finish up missing credits that allowed them to actually get their diplomas at the end of this summer session.
- There has been a considerable amount of interviewing to fill all of the new and replacement positions for this fall. Dr. Martin thanked all of the current staff who assisted in the interview process by participating on the various interview panels. This helps in making sure we select the right people for the right positions.
- Summer projects continue to move along. The high school parking lot work seems to be on schedule. We are keeping a close watch on the Arborwood work. There is an extensive amount of work yet to be done at that building, but we are working closely with the contractors to make sure the building will be operational by September. Transformation of the high school media center into a 21st century learning commons is moving along well. We are still waiting for a delivery date from the playground equipment manufacturing company before we begin any excavation and ground preparation for the new playground equipment at Waterloo. Work is moving forward to have the new electronic security measures installed at Arborwood North, MHS, MMS and Orchard by the time school starts. Work to move the main office at MMS is in progress also.
- Dr. Martin thanked Stephanie Cherry for preparing the MPS fair booth and arranging for the various volunteers who helped man the booth during the fair.

Mr. Yeo welcomed Cindy Taylor, who is one of the school board candidates. She and Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor will be running for two of the three open seats. Ms. Spicer and Mr. Mason chose not to seek re-election.

Old Business

Mr. Yeo will follow up with board members, via email, on the Work Session that was held on August 5, 2014.

Dr. March mentioned a new device that walks you through how to use EPI-Pens, and to contact him with questions.

New Business

Mr. Yeo encouraged board members to attend "The Disney Way" sponsored by the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce on Friday, September 26, 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Ms. Spicer said the Monroe Power Plant is hosting a safety conference at Monroe County Community College on Wednesday, October 8, 12:30-3:00 p.m. This is a free conference.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

Selma Rankins discussed an article he gave to Dr. Martin about a local school district that he feels is doing a good job. Mr. Rankins would like to see job descriptions for the new positions.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March that the August 12, 2014, Board Meeting #14 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:40 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary